Questions and Responses: FY20 Planning Assistance Grant Program

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1. Question: Can a municipality submit a grant application proposal for more than one task, if related, and within the maximum $50,000 budget?

   Answer: Yes, related tasks would be fine.

2. Question: Can a local community and a Regional Planning Agency (RPA) both submit applications for different tasks that would serve the same community?

   Answer: Yes. Keep in mind that the application from the RPA will need a letter of support from the community.

3. Question: Can an application be for assistance in applying for Housing Choice designation?

   Answer: No, not for the application itself. However a grant could support altering zoning or otherwise taking action to meet the Housing Choice criteria.

4. Question: Is there anything that would prohibit a community with an ongoing planning grant from applying in this round?

   Answer: No.

5. Question: Is $12,500 the 25% match on a grant of $50,000 for a total project cost of $62,500?

   Answer: Yes.

6. Question: Were all the applications funded in the prior two grant rounds?

   Answer: Yes.

7. Question: Can a Regional Planning Agency commit District Local Technical Assistance funds as the match against a state grant when the FY20 budget providing those funds is not yet approved?

   Answer: Yes; in the event funds aren't approved by the legislature EEA and the applicant can work together to secure the match from another source.

8. Question: Are Pavement Management Plans eligible to apply?

   Answer: Yes, but the criteria do not favor this sort of project.

9. Question: Is the development or update of a Master Plan eligible, and if so competitive?

   Answer: Definitely eligible. The criteria give a modest preference to projects that update zoning and other regulations, rather than undertake planning, but it is hard to say what impact that will have.